

### Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 2-10 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A printing apparatus for printing on a printing medium, employing a printing head, said apparatus comprising:

feeding means for feeding a printing medium toward said printing head;

detection means for detecting an edge of said printing medium fed by said feeding means; and

control means for controlling the driving of said feeding means so as to (1) cause said feeding means to initiate the feeding of a succeeding printing medium after said feeding means initiates the feeding of a preceding printing medium and before said detection means detects a trailing edge of the preceding printing medium and (2) cause a leading edge of the succeeding printing medium to arrive at said ~~at said~~ detection means after said detection means detects the trailing edge of the preceding printing medium.

Claims 2-10 (cancelled)